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GFCM SUB REGIONAL COMMITTEES

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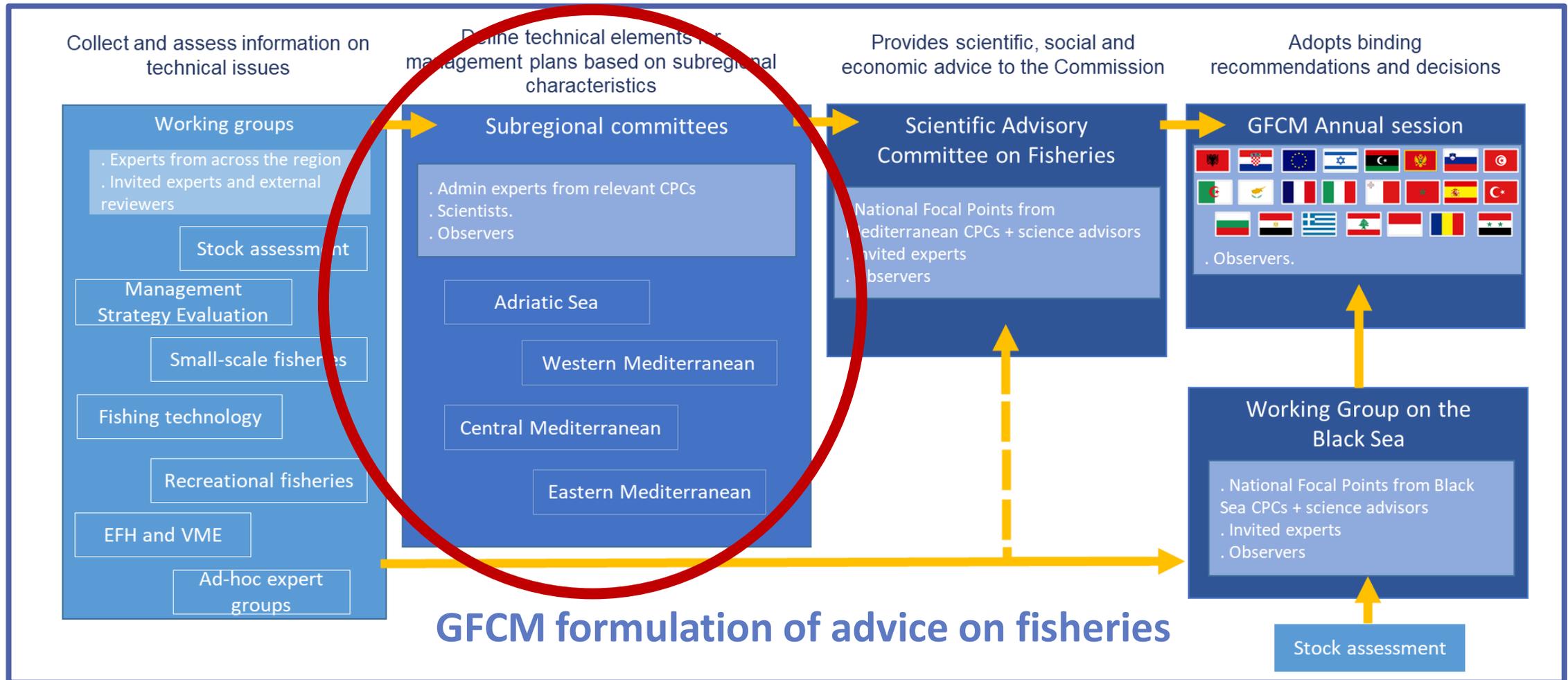
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THE GENERAL FISHERIES COMMISSION FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN

The **GFCM** is a **regional fisheries management organization** for the Mediterranean and the Black Sea

OBJECTIVES: i) the **conservation and sustainable use** of living marine resources; ii) the **sustainable development of aquaculture**

The GFCM plays a critical role in fisheries governance in its area of application, having the **authority to adopt binding recommendations** for fisheries conservation and management and for aquaculture development





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GFCM 2030 STRATEGY

FOR SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES AND
AQUACULTURE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN
AND THE BLACK SEA

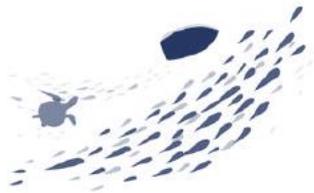


GFCM 2030 STRATEGY: A STRATEGIC VISION FOR FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE

ONE VISION, FIVE TARGETS

To fulfil its overarching vision for the sustainability of fisheries and aquaculture in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea, the GFCM 2030 Strategy is articulated around five targets. Each target is composed of expected outputs and strategic actions.

← Empowering stakeholders and engaging them in decision-making processes →



TARGET 1.
Fisheries and ecosystems:
healthy seas
and productive
fisheries



TARGET 2.
Compliance and enforcement:
a level
playing field
to eradicate
illegal,
unreported and
unregulated
fishing



TARGET 3.
Aquaculture:
a sustainable
and resilient
sector growing
to its full
potential



TARGET 4.
Livelihoods:
decent
employment
and engaged
fishers towards
profitable
fisheries



TARGET 5.
Capacity development:
Technical
cooperation,
knowledge
sharing and
efficient
partnerships in
a subregional
perspective



GFCM 2030 STRATEGY:

TARGET 1 – FISHERIES AND ECOSYSTEMS

TARGET 1.

FISHERIES AND ECOSYSTEMS:
HEALTHY SEAS AND PRODUCTIVE FISHERIES

Output 1.1. Technical advice on the **status of fisheries** and **potential management scenarios** improved to provide a solid basis for decision-making

Output 1.2. Evidence-based **adaptive fisheries and ecosystem management** implemented

Output 1.3. Efficient **area-based conservation measures, technical and nature-based solutions** strengthened to conserve biodiversity and enhance the productivity of marine living resources

Output 1.4. Threats to fisheries and the marine environment, including plastic **pollution, climate change** and the expansion of **non-indigenous species**, prevented and mitigated



GFCM 2030 STRATEGY:

TARGET 4 - LIVELIHOODS

TARGET 4.

LIVELIHOODS:

DECENT EMPLOYMENT AND ENGAGED
FISHERS TOWARDS PROFITABLE FISHERIES



Output 4.1. Productive and resilient employment supported along the fisheries value chain

Output 4.2. Socio-economic information enhanced in supporting decision-making processes

Output 4.3. Dynamic and innovative fisheries value chains fostered

Output 4.4. Engagement of fishers in participatory management processes promoted, facilitating their role as guardians of the sea



SUBREGIONAL COMMITTEES: NEW ToRs (44TH GFCM)

The SRCs are **independent** and created for each of the four Mediterranean subregions (**Adriatic Sea, western, central and eastern Mediterranean**) to **support the Scientific Advisory Committee on Fisheries (SAC)** of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) in implementing its mandate, as described in the GFCM Rules of Procedure

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In particular, the SRCs are expected to:

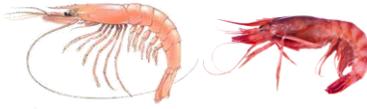
- provide **technical advice to the SAC** by **reviewing work carried out** in the context of relevant working groups, strategic activities or initiatives as well as compiling information on – inter alia – the status of fisheries, in particular those that interact with GFCM priority species, adopted multiannual management plans and requests made by the Commission as well as potential management measures, including spatial-management measures such as fisheries restricted areas;
- **analyse the progress towards the sustainability of fisheries at subregional level** and in the context of the objectives of relevant **GFCM recommendations**, including by **assessing relevant national data and information** as well as **management measures in place**, and by identifying potential modifications or improvements based on subregional needs and submit alternative proposals to the SAC;

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- prepare a **draft work plan** for the consideration of the SAC, addressing mandatory requirements as well as priority issues for the subregion, in line with relevant requests and taking into account strategies in place and emerging challenges; and
- carry out **any other relevant action and/or provide technical inputs**, as appropriate in line with the work of the SAC and the requests of the Commission

SUBREGIONAL COMMITTEES 2022 (ONLINE)

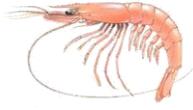
APRIL 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Subregional committee for the central Mediterranean (SRC-CM)					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Subregional committee for the western Mediterranean (SRC-WM)					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

SUBREGIONAL COMMITTEES 2022 (ONLINE)

MAY 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Subregional committee for the eastern Mediterranean (SRC-EM)				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Subregional committee for the Adriatic Sea (SRC-AS)				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

SRCs 2022: DRAFT AGENDA

1. Opening and arrangements of the meeting

- **Welcome** addresses and introduction of participants
- **Adoption of the agenda** and appointment of the chairperson and rapporteurs
- Introduction of **SRC objectives** and expected **outputs**

2. Review of main topics of relevance for the SRC

- **Newly adopted recommendations** stemming from the forty-fourth session of the GFCM relevant to the central Mediterranean subregion and introduction of the **GFCM 2030 strategy**
- **Follow-up on strategic initiatives** of the GFCM of interest to the subregion

3. Outcomes of relevant technical activities for the management of fisheries in the subregion

- Outcomes of **technical activities** of relevance for the SRC
 - ✓ Data quality
 - ✓ Status of subregional fisheries
 - ✓ Small scale fisheries and recreational fisheries
 - ✓ Spatial management
 - ✓ European eel
 - ✓ Red coral
 - ✓ Pilot project on selectivity
 - ✓ Monitoring programmes
 - ✓ Other

4. WGMSE session

For each fishery:

- Summary of information received by the GFCM Secretariat in response to the requests of relevant GFCM decisions and management measures in place
- Analysis of the trends of indicators related to the fishery and timeline of important events relevant for the fishery in question
- Appraisal and discussion of current management measures and identification of additional potential management measures; identification of gaps
- Detailed roadmap and way forward

SRCs 2022: MSE SESSIONS

OBJECTIVES

- **Responding to a number of requests stemming from the 2021 meetings** of the SAC and the Commission, as well as from existing recommendations
- Creating and testing a **common operational framework** to advance on identifying and evaluating current and potential management measures while contributing towards monitoring the effectiveness of existing management plans as well as providing technical advice for the update of current or drafting of future management plans.
- The framework foresees **stakeholder involvement** and will provide a solid starting basis for additional work to be performed towards advancing in the assessment of the biological, economic and social implications of implementing several management scenarios with the objective of restoring and maintaining exploited living resources above levels which can produce the Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY) – a requirement common to all established or incipient management plans adopted under the hat of the GFCM

SRCs 2022: MSE SESSIONS

OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK

- The framework comprises a **stepwise approach to analysing the evolution of a fishery and its response to management** and will be applied to all fisheries currently under management plans or covered by recommendations foreseeing management measures
- It comprises **five common steps** (Steps 1-4 and 6) plus an additional, optional, one (Step 5) depending on the fishery.

Step 1

Collation of all **old and new management measures** implemented by country: this will be done in advance of the meeting and the measures collected/collated will be analysed and categorised in the most appropriate manner as to best feed subsequent steps

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Step 2

- **Analysis of the trends of indicators** related to the fishery: data will be requested in advance of the meetings and an initial analysis will be performed and presented at the meetings: further analyses could take place during the meeting should additional data emerge. Data considered in these analyses include:
 - Effort
 - Catch
 - CPUE (if available)
 - Discards (if available)
 - Fishing mortality (if available)
 - SSB (if available)
 - Survey indices (if available)
 - Socioeconomic indicators (to be identified; if available)

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Step 3

- Compilation of a **timeline of important events relevant for the fishery** in question, including the introduction of management measures and specific regulations, any incentives that may have determined a change in the fishery or the fleet (e.g. buyback programmes, incentives to change gear) and any changes related to the environment that may have affected the fishery
- This exercise will be done in advance of the meeting both at a country level and for the fishery overall when the targeted resource is shared by more than one country

Step 4

- **Appraisal and discussion of current management measures and identification of additional potential management measures;** identification of gaps

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Step 5 (optional)

- **Assessment** of alternative management measures.
- Should this kind of work have been done in another forum, the results of this work should be presented here. Including both qualitative assessments (e.g. ranking) and quantitative assessments (e.g. short -term forecasts and/or MSE)

Step 6

- Based on the information provided by Steps 1-5, a **detailed roadmap – including deadlines** – will be drafted towards advancing on the formal evaluation/assessment of alternative management measures in a qualitative or quantitative framework depending on the information available for the fishery. This will be done giving due consideration to the Terms of Reference for the assessment of alternative management measures for select fisheries covered by GFCM decisions in the Mediterranean and Black Sea endorsed by the 44th annual session of the GFCM

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SRC-CM



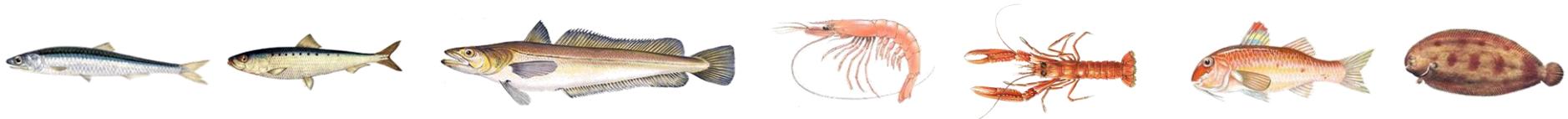
- Strait of Sicily hake and shrimps
- Deep water red shrimp fisheries in the Strait of Sicily and the Ionian Sea

SRC-WM



- Blackspot Seabream in the Strait of Gibraltar
- Common Dolphinfish (western and central)
- Small pelagics in Alboran Sea

SRC-AS



- Small pelagics (also an updated assessment will be presented)
- Demersal fisheries

SRCs 2022: DRAFT AGENDA

- 5. Introduction to MedSea4Fish programme: addressing the subregional approach in line with the GFCM 2030 strategy**
- 6. SRC-CM work plan and discussion on subregional priorities and follow-up activities**
- 7. Conclusions, recommendations and scientific advice**



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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